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#### AN EVENING REVERIE.

BY WILLIAM G. BRYANT. The summer day has closed the sun is set, Well have they done their office, those bright hours, The latest of whose train goes sofily out In the red West. The green blade of the ground Has risen, and herds have cropped it; the young twig Has spread its platted tissues on the sun; Flowers of the garden and the waste have blown And withered; seeds have fallen upon the soil From bursting cells, and their graves await The resurrection. Theeets from the pools Have filled the air awhile with humming wings, That now are still forever, Painted moths Have wandered the blue sky, and died again; The mother-bird hath broken for her brood, Their prison shells, or shoved them from the nest, Plumed for their earliest flight. In bright alcoves, In woodland cottage with darky walls, In noisome cells of the tumultuous town, Mothers have clasped with joy the new-born babe, Graves by the lonely forest, by the shore Of rivers and of ocean, by the ways Of the thronged city, have been hollowed out And filled and closed. This day hath parted friends That ne'er before were parted: it hath knit New friendships; it hath seen the maiden plight Her faith and trust her peace to him who long Had wood, and it hath heard; from the lips which late were eloquent of love, the first harsh word That told the wedded one her peace was flown.

Farewell to the sweet sunshine! One glad day Is added now to childhood's merry days, And one calm day those of quiet age, Still the fleet hours run on; and as I lean Amid the thick'ning darkness, lamps are lit By those who watch the dead, and those who twine Plowers for the bride. The mother from the eyes Ot her sick infant shades the painful light, And sadly listens to his quick drawn breath.

Oh! thou great Movement of the Universe, Or change, or Flight of Time, for ye are one! That bearest, silently, this visible scene Into night's shadow and the streaming rays Of starlight, whither art thou bearing me? I feel the mighty current sweep me on, Yet know not whither. Man foretells afar The courses of the stars: the very hour He knows, when they will darken or grow bright; Yet doth the eclipse of sorrow and death Come unforewarmed, Who next of those I love Shall pass from life, or sadder yet shall fall From virtue? Strife with foes or bitterer strife With friends, or shame and general scorn of men; Which who can bear? Or shall the years, Push, with soft and inoffensive pace, Into the stilly twilight of my age? Of do the portals of another life Even now, while I am glorying in my strength, Impend around me? Oh beyond that bourne, In the vast cycle of beings which begins At that dread threshold, with what fairer forms Shall the great law of change and progress clothe I's workings? Gently-so good men taught ntly, and without grief, the old shall glide Into the new; the eternal flow of things, Like a bright river of the fields of heaven, Shall journey onward in perpetual peace.

An Indian Duel. Wingenund waited until the speech of his antagonist had been translated to him; when he replied with unmoved composure-"If the crow warriors require better witness than words it is not difficult to find. They have already been told that the Kain-na-wha stranger gave to Mahega a present of a bow and arrows, which he hid in the rocks; Wingenund took them out, and here they are." As the youth spoke he dropped the blanket that had been thrown over his left arm and shoulder, holding up to the council the bow and arrows, which all present immediately recognized as being made and ornamented by the Blackfeet. "Are the warriors yet convinced," continued the youth raising his voice, "or do they wish for more? If they do, let them seize the Washashe wolf, they will find in his belt ... He was not allowed to finish the sentence; the storm that had long been brooding, now in all its fury. Mahega, driven unto desperation by the damning evidence brought against him, and reckless of all save the gratification of his fierce revenge, whirled his iron-pointed mace around his head and launched it with tremenduous force at Wingenund. Never had the latter even for an instant. faken his falcon eye off the Osage; but so swit was the motion with which the weapon was thrown, that; although he sprang lightly aside to avoid it, the spiked head grazed and laid open his cheek, whence it glanced off, and striking an unlucky Crow who stood behind him, felled him, with a broken arm, to the earth. Even in the act of stopping to escape the mace. Wingenund fitted an arrow into the Blackfoot bow which he held in his hand and rising as quick as thought, let it fly at his gigantic adversary, with so sure an aim that it pierced the windpipe, and the point came out at the back of his neck close to his spine. While the Osage, half strangled and paralysed, tugged inneffectually at the fatal shaft, Wingenund leaped upon him with the bound of a tiger, and uttering loud the war cry of the Lenape, buried his kulfe in the heart of his foe. With one convulsive groan, the dying Osage fell heavily to the earth; and ere the by-standers had recovered from their astonishment, his blood-stained scalp hung at the belt of the

PASSING THE BUTTER. "Willy," said a doting parent at the breakfast table, to an abridged edition of himself, who had just entered the grammar-class at the High School; "Willy, my

victorious Delaware. - Prairie Bird.

will you pass the butter?" "Thertainly, thir-it talles me to parthe anything Butter ith a common thubthantive, neuter gender agreeth with hot buckwheath calcthes, and is governed by thugar houth molathes understood."

A steward lately wrote to a bookseller in London for some books to fit up his master's library-'In the first place, I want 6 feet of geology, this same quantity of school metaphysics, and nearly a yard of old civil law, in folio,"

A STRANGE YOW.

A singular instance of Hindoo devotionism-d Brahmin from the North-has visited these parts, and is now on his way to Cape Commorin, if he has not already reacked it. He rolls himself over and over on the bare ground, about three miles each day on his way to the above mentioned place; and it is said that he has travelled in this manner all the way from Benares, in doing which he has consumed nine years and three months. He sets out at dawn, with thick clothes tied round his body and temples; and having reached the village fixed upon he performs his devotions and spends the rest of the day with his family, who travel with him in bullock carts. He is fanned as he rolls along, by his son, a youth of 10 or 12 years of age; while the musician of the village which he leaves or that to which he is going, accompany him with music and shouting; thousands of people gazing with admiration upon his progress, and applauding him as 'a great soul' -a most religious man. When he comes to a tank or river, or other places which he canot cross by rolling on the ground he walks through them, and on the other side, rolls the same distance along the bank, and back again. When he reaches Cape Comorin, he is to set a plantain, and wait there till he offers the fruit of it to the Deity whom he worships; after which they say, he is to roll back again to Benares, on the other side of age, and is said to be not much injured by his devotionism. The act, instead of being regarded as a waste of time and labor, is praised by the Hiddoca generally, as an evidence of the highest wisdom and magnanimity; and yet some of them enlightened by Christianity, regard it as folly: unless which is not certain, he derives a spledid profit from it in the offerings of the people. Certain it is that his family maintains a most respectable appearance; but it is said he was a man of property before he set out on his strange pilgrimage. Many will probably, consider this an instance of mistaken piety, but the real cause of it being known will probably explain most other instances of Hindoo devotion.

It appears that he had had no child; and being unable to bear this evil which the Hindoos ascribe to the sins of a former birth-made a vow to his god that if he would grant him him a son, he would undertake the penance which he is now performing. A son was born to him-the same that now fans him as he rolls along It is said, but this is probably a tale, that he did not a once begin his vow, in consequence of which the child became blind, and that, when he started about his undertaking, a restoratioa of the child's sight was granted by the deity. Perhaps the business is tolerably pleasant to the man by this time, accompanied as he is by pomp and praise; but even if it were not, his fear of loo sing the child, by the anger of the god, would be sufficient to keep him faithful to his promise .- Petit's Indian Journal.

#### THE GREAT MUSICIAN.

Of all the feathered songsters, no one ever approaches in variety and compass of voice to the matchless powers of the American mocking bird, "He listens with attention," to use the highly graphic lauguage of Nuttal, "to each passing sound, treffsures up lessons from everything vocal, and is capable of imitating with exactness both in measure and accent, the notes of all the feathered creation. And however wild and discordant the tones may be, he contrives with an Orphean talent, peculiarly his own, to infine, into them that sweetness of expr ssion and harmonious modulations which characterize this inimitable and wonderful com-

"With the dawn of the morning, our sublime songster, in his native wilds, mounted on the topmost branch of a tall bush or tree, pours out his admirable song, which amidst the multitude of notes from all the warbling host still ris es preeminent, so that his solo is heard alone, and all the rest of the musical choir appear employed in mere accompaniments to this grand actor in the sublime opera of nature."

JYANITY.

If you wish to make a man your friend, let him do you a favor; if you wish to wean his friendship, let him feel that you have done him a favor. Pride is the most powerful emotion of the heart. You may stab the affections, and the wound, in the course of time, will cicatrize, but if you stab the vanity, the wound will rankle forever. It is far more easy to win a man's love, by feeding his admiration for himself, that by teaching him to admire you. If you allow him to be No. 1, he will be ready to admit you are No. 2. All men who are popular, either in the world or in society, act upon the same principle. The polished knight of the carpet flatters the fair, in order that the admiration he expresses may ha reflected from them upon himself; and the demagogue swells upon the virtue, intelligence and majesty of the people, to the end that they may think it incumbent on them to elevate their servant. Each acts upon the well established principle. Fill the cup of a man's (or woman's) self love to repletion, and all that runs over will belong to you. - Savanah Georgian.

To clean a loaded Gun,-Stop the touch hole by means of a little wax; and then pour a little thick quicksilver into the barrels, and roll it along them for a few minutes. The mercury and the lead will form an amalgam, and leave the gun as clean as the first day it came out of the shop. You have then only to strain the quicksilver through a piece of thin washy leather, and it is again fit for use, for the lead will be left strain-

An Actor's IDEA .- The late John Kemble met a man in the street who appeared extremely distressed, and asked charity, he gave him something observing, "either that man must be in actual distress, or he is a first rate actor."

Twice Smirres.-A gentleman in Shelby county, Kv., fell desperately in love the other day with a girl, at first sight, and attempted to kiss her whereupon she knocked him down.

In South Wales, a board was raised upon a post upon which was inscribed, "When this board is six feet under water, the road is impassable," We should ima-

Why is a young woman like a due bill? Because she ought to be "settled off" as soon as she "comes to maturity."

When does a nan shave himself with silver? When he cuts his haw off with a shilling?

Mr. Allen, in his work descriptive of the march through Scifide, presents the following scene, a fine com ment on Military glory:-"The entrance to the pass would have formed a fine subject for Salvalor Rosa .-The sun had not risen, and the gorge looked dark, gloomy, and threatening. I was between the quarter-master general's party and the column; consequently, there were but few people, and one or two officers scattered about. The craggy, fantastic rocks towered almost perpendicularly on both sides, many of them quite so, to an enormons height. The foreground was occupied by the skeletons of the ill-fated troops, with the larger forms of camels and the horses. The gray light of morning scarcely allowed the eye to penetrate the pass, which appeared entirely shut in. Large carrion crows and vultures with flagging wings, were soaring heavily overhead. As we entered the ghastly memorials of past calamity became more and more frequent. It is impossible to estimate their numbers, but the ground & through the whole length of the pass, about five miles, was encumbered with them. Some were gathering in crowds under the rocks as if to obtain shelter from the biting wind; we conceive what it must have been in January, for such was the intensity of the cold that we were almost all compelled to dismount and walk, to keeplife in our limbs, and the water fruze in icicles on the legs of the Ghauts. He is a stout man of about 40 years of the horses. I counted in one place twelve skeletons huddled together in a little nook. Some, from their attitudes, appeared to be those of persons who had expired in great agony, probably from wounds. Most of them retained their hair, and the skin was dried on the bones, so that the hands and feet were altered in form. Some were still covered with fragments of clothing, and here and there the uniform was discoverable. The horse and rider lay side and side, or men were seen clasped in each other's arms, as they had crowded together for warmth. One spot, where the pass was almost closed by rocks projecting from either side, was literally choked with the corpses of men, horses and camels,

> HOW TO ESCAPE BEING SCALPED. An honest Pat being on on an expedition against the Indians in our late war, having lost that which Shakspeare has said time can never restore, occasioned by a course of nature namely his hair-had supplied the want of it by wearing a wig. The party to which he belonged being surprised by a party of Indians, were put to flight-poor Pat in endeavouring to make his escape had the misfortune to fall down, and was soon overtaken by a nimble-footed savage, who applied his scalping knife to his head and bore off what he took to be Pat's scalp! The party to which Pat belonged having rallied, drove the Indians in turn, and were not a little surprised to see their old friend approaching them with his bald pate; when he came near, one and all began to condole with him for the lost of his scalp - when Pat replied "be easy my jewels, the devil of a scalp did he get of mine! the teaf took my old red wig, and much good may it do him, for by my soul it will never suit his com-

# AN UNHAPPY DISPOSITION.

An unhappy disposition is the worst of all destinies. ecause you cannot escape from it. It is a plague you earry along with you. That a restless and unquiet mind can by any effort or resolution be converted into a tranquil and happy mind, is what may be affirmed impossible. It is easy to convert a lean frame into a stout a pale complexion into a fresh, and a fair into a dark. Temper is constitutional, like the shape of the nose, of mouth, or the color of the eves. Still it is possible to improve any disposition by culture; as it possible to improve the expression of any countenance. You cannot change the original character, but you can improve it. What the world calls good tempers, are, perhaps, at the root, no better than the bad. The bad are generally those of great energy and vigor, and only require direction and care to make them most useful and profitable. But without this care, they are l'able to wild excesses, which which entail great misery on their prog-

THE WOMAN FOR A WIFE. Champaigne; she to whom plain stuff and satin are e mal, who objects to feathers, and considers jewelry unecoming; who proters the leg of a fowl to the wing, and mutten chop to either; who has no relish for plays, concerts, balls, parties, or any kind of diversion whatever; and whose favorite occupations are mending her husbands things and cooking his victuals -she is the wo man for wife! So says the papers-and we shouldn't wonder if she is the very dot, sure enough,

A wag says that in journeying lately he was put into stage sleigh with a dozen persons, of whom he did not know a single one. Turning a corner shortly after however the sleigh was upset, "and then" said he "I found them all out."

# USE OF ADVERSITY.

The mind is a beautiful gem set in a dark casket, shedding the more lustre the more it is surrounded by gloom. Intellect is oft times developed by adversity only, as the lesser light is lost in the glare of day, and needs the aid of night to reveal it.

Did man never know sorrow, he could never appreciate joy. Pain fits us for the enjoyment of pleasure which can only be secured by the occasional recurrence of its opposite, as pleasure soon fails when uninterrput edly indulged.

To sympathise fully with another's grief, we must

ELECTION JOKE. - At a recent election in this city (says the Worcester Journal,) the vote of a well known gentleman was challenged by a young whipper-snapper who officiated, and who knew that the old gentleman differed in politics from him. "It is necessary for you to swear that you have lived in this ward more than ten days," said the challenger. "Why you know that I have," replied the voter, "for more than ten months ago you came to my shop, and purchased the hat you have on, and never paid for it yet."

To prevent moulding in Books, Ink, Paste and Leath-few drops of oil of lavender will ensure their libraries from this post. A single drop of the same will prevent a pint of ink from mouldiness for any length of time.-Paste may be kept from mould entirely by this addition and leather is also effectually secured from injury by the same agency.

NAPOLEON'S CHARGER. The Royal Amphitheatre London, has recently been be place of exhibition of the favorite horse of Napoleon, alled by his master "Superb," now thirty-eight years old and a beautiful animal. We find the history of the reature given as follows in an English Journal.

This noble animal was captured by General Orloff, n 1833, in the disastrous retreat from [Moscow, He was a great favorite with the Emperor, and the compaion of many of his most successful campaigns. He remainded in the possession of Orliff, at St. Petersburg till 1834, when he was presented to the father of M Tourniarie (now here) then Director of the Imperial Circus, and much esteemed for his professional abilities as well as respected for his devoting to the memory of the late Emperor. Orliff in presenting him liberally said Jaques Tourniarie, you were greatly attached to the ate Emperor of France, and your attachment honors you. You are known to be a friend to horses; and, satsfied of the care he will receive at your hauds, to you I confide this, my greatest favorite. Superb is too light for my use-I have grown to heavy for him. To sell nim to a strange master is a fate I cannot think of subecting him to. To you, therefore I entrust him; and as you loved him to whom he first belonged, you will I am sure, cherish Superb for the memory of the owner, as as well as for his own sake."

This trust was discharged with exemplary devotion by the elder Tourniarie, who at his death, in 1839, left him to his present owner, Mons. Touniarie, whose tenderness towards him is but evidenced by his advanced age. Superb is a white, or rather very light grey Arabian, and is sixteen hands high. He is now incapable of much exertion, and little is assigned him in the peice now being performed; but it is interesting to see him introduced on the stage, with one who is the very resemplance of his once imperial but long deceased master; and affecting to witness him-his ear still quick to the martial tone of the war horn-join, riderless, in the mimic procession of that extraordinary man, with whom he was a great favorite.

#### AN EARTHLY PARADISE, WHERE "DE-CEMBER'S AS PLEASANT AS MAY,

The following is an extract from a description of Cal ifornia, one of the departments of Mexico on the Pacific Ocean, which recently appeared in the St. Louis

The climate is a perpetual spring; neither the heat of the summer nor the cold of the winter is experienced. It is as mild on the Pacific side in lat. 45 deg. N. as it is in lat. 34 deg. N. on the Atlantic side. The cause of this difference of climate in the same latitude, I suppose to be the prevailing winds from the north during the summer, and from the south during the winter. In fact the effect is so great, that in many places on the coast it is wariner in the winter than in the summer, eyen in latitude 37 and 38 deg. N. Standing water has never been known to freeze thicker than common window glass: running water never freezes. No fires are required in sitting rooms, offices, or shops, at any season of the year consequently fuel is never required for any other than culinary purposes.1

It may be truly said of this country, that December is is pleasant as May. Now the vast herds of beasts, wild and domestic, instead of roaming over frozen and desotate hills, or fields of ice and snow, driven by the howling tempest from side to side, or shivering in the chilling cavern or frozen stall, bellowing and howling for prolection against nature's hard fate, are seen throughout this herbous and delightful region in herds innumerable ranging, promiscueusly from river to river and from hill to dale, crooping the inexhaustible and spontaneous ve-

# A PILL FOR A DUELLIST.

An apothecary having refused to resign his seat a theatre to an officer's lady, the officer feeling himself much insulted, sent him a challenge. The apothecary was punctual at the meeting, but observed, that not ha ving been accustomed to shoot, he had to propose a new way of settling the dispute. He then drew from his pocket a bill box, and taking from thence two pills, thus addressed his antagonist: "As a man of honor, sir, you certainly would not wish to fight me on unequal terms; here are, therefore, two pills; one composed of the most deadly poison, the other perfectly harmless; we are. therefore, on equal ground, if we each swallowone; you shall take your choice, and I promise faithfully to take that which you leave." It is needless to add, that the affair was seuled by a hearty laugh.

# IRISH WIT

An frish weaver, just imported from the sister isle, took to his employer in Kilmarnock, the other day, the first cloth he had woven since his arrival. His employ er detected in the cloth two small holes, within half an inch of each other, and told him he must pay a fine of a shilling for a hole.

"And plaze ye," returned Pat, "is it by the number of holes, or by the size of them, that you put the fine up-

"By the number of holes to be sure." "Faith and a big hole and a small hole is the same

"Yes, a shilling for each hole, big or little."

"Then give me hould of the piece," replied Paddy: and getting the cloth into his hand, he tore the two small holes into one, and exclaimed, "By the hill of Howth, and that saves me a shilling anyhow!"

# A SILENT COUPLE.

In the parish of Dulce, Cornwall, there are now living a man and his wife who have not spoken for eight rears. They often go to work together, sleep in one bed, take their meals at the same table, and show not the slightest an ger towards each other. The only reason to be assigned for their obstinate and protracted silence is, that each is too proud to speak first .- [Why not both speak together()'

# LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

A lady in the North of England, on dispensing with the services of a faithful servant girl, gave her the following letter of recommendation .- " Madam, Sukey Day lived with me won yer and leven months cookin bakin and is a htreeful kind of body she is wery onest and I fiever now her to be in licker and she has no sweet

If a friend desire you to write a long letter, and if you can find but little to say, his request may be complied with by folding an ordinary sheet of paper length-ways, "THE KENTUCKY FARMER!"

Henry Clay, to recommend himself, and to get precedence over Van Buren says, Lam a son of Virginia, and a slaveholder of Kentucky." Aye, and he is a farmer, forsooth -"the great farmer of the West!" as Gov. Seward dubbed him at the agricultural show in Rochester, and so the whigs call him, in prose and poetry. Now the following will show what sort of a farmer he is. It is a description of Mr. Clay's farm and stock, given by James C. Fuller, a Quaker residing at Skeneatalas, N. Y., and furnished for publication in the Mohawk Courer:-Statesman.

"Having a great desire to see the imported 'cattle' on Henry Clay's plantation, I went thither. On approachng the house, I saw a colored man, to whom I said. where wert thou raised?' In Washington,' 'Did Henry Clay buy thee there?' 'Yes.' 'Wilt thou show me his improved cattle?. He pointed to the orchard, and said that the man who had charge of them was there .-As I followed his direction, I encountered a very intelligent boy, apparently eight or nine years old. I said to him, 'canst thou read?' 'No.' Is there a school for colored people on Henry Clay's plantation?" 'No."-'How old art thou?' 'Don't know.' In the orchard I found a woman at work with a needle. I asked, thow old art thou? 'A big fifty.' 'How old is that?' 'Near sixty.' 'How many children hast thou?' 'Fifleen or sixteen. 'Where are they?' 'Colored folks don't know where their children is: they are sent all over the country, 'Where wert thou raised?' 'Washington,' Did Henry Clay buy thee there? 'Yes.' How many childre hast thou there?' 'Four.' 'Where are they?' 'I don't know; they tell me they are dead. The hut in which this 'source of wealth' lives, was neither as good nor as well floored as mu stable. Several slaves were picking fruit in the orchard. I asked one of the young men whether they were taught to read on this plantation and they answered no. I found the overseer of the cattle with a short handled, stout whip which he had broken. He said that it answered both for a riding whip, and occasionally, 'to whip off' the slawes.

There is your farmer! A fit man, he, to guard the interest of the free laborers.

ANECDOTE OF JOHN RANDOLPH. When Henry Clay was speaker of the House of Reresutatives, and Randolph a member of that body, the atter indulged himself in drawing a fancy portrait, in something like the following words:

"We will suppose, Mr. Speaker, a young man born in Virginia, destitute of principle, who has spent his patrimony in dissipation and gambling, removes to Kentucky, and by some lucky chance is elected to the State Legislature. We will go further, sir, and supposehim elected a member of this House, and still further, sir, and suppose him raised to the elevated stat'on of the presiding officer of this very House; and suppose he now sits in the chair"-pointing his long sarcasic finger to Clay, who immediately called Mr. Randolph to order. Mr. Randolph appealed to the House, which supported the call to order by the Speaker. Mr. Randolph then rose, and in a manner peculiar to himself, observed: "I drew a picture from imaginationyou applied it to yourself-and the House has confirmed its application."

# PUZZLES.

Convert the word new door into one word. Ans. One word.

Whether were knees or elbows first made? Ans Knees, because beasts were formed before main.

What is the difference batween a good governess and a bad one? Ans. A good one guides Miss, and the other misguides.

What was Eve's maiden name? Ans. Woman." Why is a chronologist like a palm tree? Ans. Be.

cause he can supply you with dates.

You are requested to make one word of Red Nuts

and Gin. Ans. Understanding. . Of what word of one syllable can the following words be composed: Hare, ache, ale, are, lace, care, chase rase, sale, ash, case, seal, ace, hares, each, leach? Ans.

# CONUNDRUMS.

The Alphabet were invited out to dinner in alphabetical form; what is the reason all could not comply withthe invitation? Ans. Because some of them were

What trade is the Sun? Ans. He is a tanner. Why is a cigar-smoker like an author? Ans Because he is fond of a Puff.

Why is love like a potatoe? Aus. Because it springs What liquid measure does a fool resemble? Ans. A.

Why is a person reading aloud like a judge? Ans.

He pronounces sentences.

# FREE TRADE.

"Wat does you call dis free trade, Pete, dat polerishuns make sich a fuss gen'rally about." "Why it's de korrect resirprosity system ob bus'ness,

Sam,' said Pete. "'Splain, Pete."

"Wall, here's a desample-'spose you lends me a dol ar, and 'srose you den asks me de loan ob a dollar: wall, I does'nt lend you a dollar, but I gibs you a dollar for de dollar you gib me, darfor dat's de deffernishun ob de reserprosiry system.'}-

"Pete, I'se satisfied," says Sam; "you knows a trifle. [ reckons."-[Picayune.

# CURIOUS.

In the words of John Taylor, the Water Poet, there occurs the subjoined piece of laborious ingenuity, upon which he greatly prided himself-

"LEWD DID I LIVE & EVIL I DID DWELL." "This line," says he, "is the same backward as it is forward, and I will give any man five shillings a piece for as many as he can make."

She who makes her husband and children happy, ays Goldsmith, who reclaims the one from vice and trains up the other to virtue, is a much greater character than ladies described in romances, whose occupation is to murder mankind with shafts from the quiver

"What is your opinion of the Corn Laws, Mr. Up-

"My opinion, sir, is that they go very much against